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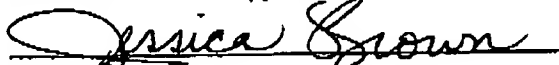
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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

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This letter responds to the Advisory Action, mailed September 13, 2004. The Examiner states that the reply filed August 4, 2004 fails to place the application in condition for allowance and notes that the amendment will not be entered.

Applicant believes the Examiner may not have received the Request for Continued Examination (RCE), filed by applicant in this case on September 7, 2004, prior to issuing the present Advisory Action. Applicant requests confirmation that the amendment and RCE have been entered and are being considered by the Examiner.

Applicant also submits herewith a further supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to disclose the two references cited in the International Search Report (attached

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herewith) for PCT Application Serial No. PCT/US03/29281, another application regarding the same technology by the same inventor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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